

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-24 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A transporter comprising:

- a support platform for supporting a load, the support platform defining a fore-aft plane and a lateral plane;

- a plurality of ground contacting elements coupled to the support platform such that the support platform is statically stable with respect to tipping in the fore-aft and the lateral plane;

- a pivot element pivotally coupled to at least one of the ground contacting elements such that the pivot element is capable of tilting;

- a user interface for causing a tilt of the pivot element while the support platform remains statically stable with respect to tipping in the fore-aft and the lateral plane;

- a sensor module for generating a signal indicative of the tilt of the pivot element;

- a motorized drive arrangement for driving at least one of the plurality of ground contacting elements;

- and a controller for commanding the motorized drive arrangement based on the signal indicative of the tilt of the pivot element.

26. (Original) The transporter according to claim 25, wherein the pivot element is capable of tilting in at least the fore-aft plane.

27. (Original) The transporter according to claim 25, wherein the plurality of ground contacting elements include two laterally disposed wheels rotatable around an axis, the pivot element pivotally coupled to the axis.

28. (Original) The transporter according to claim 25, wherein the pivot element is flexibly coupled to the support platform.

29. (Original) The transporter according to claim 28, wherein the pivot element is flexibly coupled to the support platform via at least one spring.

30. (Original) The transporter according to claim 25, wherein the user interface is a handlebar coupled to the pivot element.

Claims 31-33 (Canceled)